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Monthly report of smallpox in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, *April 9, 1896.*

The following is a statement of the occurrence of smallpox in Tennessee for the month ended March 31: In Memphis, 19 cases—2 white and 17 colored; in Shelby County, outside of the city of Memphis, 27 cases—1 white and 26 colored; in the town of Mason, Tipton County, 15 cases, all colored; in Lauderdale County, 2 cases, colored; in Madison County, 1 case, colored. Total number of cases in the State, 64—61 colored, 3 white.

In all the above localities the health officials are prompt and vigilant. Isolation and general vaccination carried out; also humane treatment of the afflicted. At present the disease is well restricted.

Very respectfully,

J. BERRIEN LINDSLEY,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

Smallpox on steamship Crefeld.

BALTIMORE, MD., *April 13, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the steamship *Crefeld* was released from the Baltimore quarantine, and the immigrants landed yesterday. The medical examination was carefully made, in accordance with your telegraphic instructions of the 10th inst., and the health authorities of the several States to which immigrants were destined, notified by wire.

The health commissioner, Dr. McShane, the quarantine physician, Dr. Heiskell, and Assistant Surgeon Green, assisted in making the examination of the immigrants. None were detained at the medical examination, but some were held by the commissioner of immigration for other investigation. The health authorities of the several States

were notified of the destination of immigrants, but owing to the fact that many were destined to places other than those mentioned on their papers, and many others held by the commissioner, it was not practicable to state in the telegrams the precise number destined to any given place. The messages were as follows: Immigrants of the steamship *Orefeld*, on which 1 case variola occurred, leave here to-day for places of destination. Similar notification will be sent when those detained by the commissioner are released.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. STONER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

NOTE.—The North German steamship *Orefeld* arrived at Baltimore April 9, with 721 steerage passengers aboard, and, having 1 case of smallpox, was detained at the Baltimore (local) quarantine. Immediately upon arrival the patient was removed to hospital, his clothing, etc., destroyed, and thorough disinfection performed.

Surgeon Stoner was immediately directed by a telegram from this Bureau to take extra precautions in examining the immigrants on the vessel after her release from quarantine, and to note the destination of each immigrant and transmit the same by wire to the State health authorities of each State receiving them, with information that 1 case of smallpox occurred on this vessel.

Case of smallpox on steamship Illinois.

The steamship *Illinois*, from Antwerp, with 765 steerage passengers, arrived at Delaware Breakwater Quarantine April 8, having had 1 case of smallpox on board en route. As the steerage had been fumigated every third day and the patient's clothing disinfected, and all passengers vaccinated, the vessel was given pratique. Surgeon Purviance was notified, and made a careful examination of the vessel upon its arrival in Philadelphia, vaccinating several steerage passengers, who did not show evidence of previous successful vaccination, and telegraphing to the secretaries of State boards of health the destination of each passenger.

One case of smallpox landed at Paducah, Ky., from steamer J. K. Speed.

LOUISVILLE, KY., *April 9, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the steamer *J. K. Speed*, New Orleans to Cincinnati, shipped a roustabout at former place who developed smallpox en route and was landed at Paducah, Ky. The *Speed* stopped at this port and at request of owners I disinfected vessel as well as possible and vaccinated officers, crew, and most of the passengers. The necessary virus was furnished by the company.

Yours, very respectfully,

W. P. MCINTOSH,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, *April 10, 1896.*

SIR: As previously reported by telegram, the steamer *John K. Speed*, from New Orleans, bound for this port, landed a sick negro roustabout at Paducah, Ky. The officers of the boat claim that they had no suspicion that the case was smallpox and were not even aware of the fact until several hours later when making a landing at Henderson (?), where they were informed that the case landed at Paducah was small-